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Eleven channels proposed to replace ESPN

BY ELLIE HALGREN
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Taylor looks to make changes in the cable programming for next year due to budget concerns. Although nothing is decided yet, a contingency plan will most likely include canceling Taylor's subscription to ESPN and adding eleven other channels in its place.

There are several reasons why ESPN is the pivotal channel for budget. For starters, ESPN is more than six times as expensive as our other paid channel coming in at \$1.94 per "drop" as opposed to \$0.295 per drop with Fox News. The term drop refers to every individual cable hookup in each room on campus. Right now there are 600 drops on campus. Taylor University is considered a commercial property and because of this our cable rate is based per drop, per month

per channel. Besides ESPN and Fox News, Taylor's other channels come in free on an antenna.

"The only reason ESPN and Fox News are targeted is because of the cost," said Andrew Fennig, student body president.

Another problem with ESPN has been the steady increase in its price over the past few years with no end in sight. In some ways ESPN has a monopoly on the sports broadcasting industry and since consumers are willing to pay for it, ESPN can continue to raise prices indefinitely.

"ESPN is unlike any channel... they can raise their prices because they know people will pay for it," said Jon Ochs, Taylor Universities Media Technician.

The bottom line in this discussion is budget.

Even though cable costs have gone up every year, the

student senate budget that pays for it has stayed constant. In this respect, TSO does not even have adequate funding to maintain the current cable services. Because of the longevity of this problem, future plans will be made not only in regards to next year, but also projecting ideas for a long-term solution.

"It would be one thing if this problem would go away after a year, but this is an ongoing problem," said Ron Sutherland, Vice President for Business and Finance.

Another factor is that TSO does not want to spend that much money on cable. In the past, each time the cable rates increased, TSO continually redid their budget to accommodate for this increase.

TSO now feels that they are giving the maximum percentage possible of their budget towards cable to still have enough money to carry out

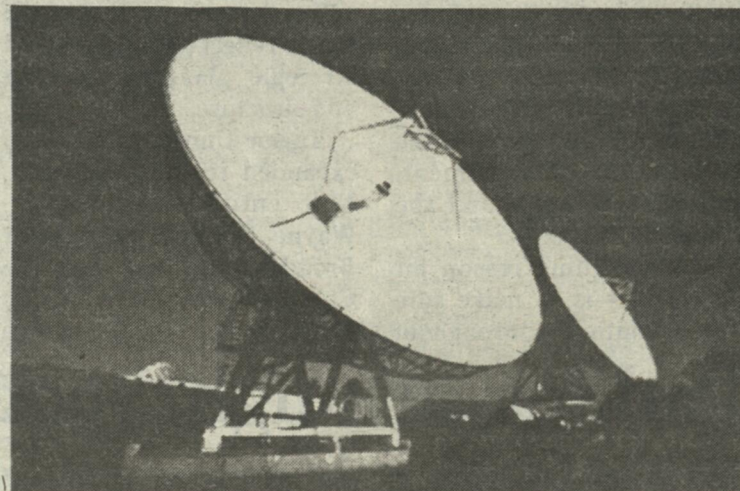


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their other student activities in a quality manner.

"We do an incredible amount with a tight budget," said Fennig.

"We need to make one solution fit for all the students, which is another factor that makes this hard," said Sutherland.

There are several options for change next year; one includes keeping ESPN in the

lounges of every dorm and the student union. This would include only the one main lounge in each dorm because some of the buildings are not wired to add one channel in their other lounges.

Keeping ESPN in the lounges would come under budget, lowering the number of drops from 600 to around ten.

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Search committee considering eight candidates for campus pastor

BY JOE CRESSMAN
STAFF WRITER

"Taylor's search for a new campus pastor continues," said Walt Campbell, dean of students.

As of now a search committee, consisting of 11 members, including administration, faculty and students, has eight candidates it is strongly considering.

"The search committee, which is representative of the campus, is very diligent in reviewing applicant's materials, listening to speaking/preaching and active in weekly committee meetings as we discuss the pros and cons of each applicant," said Campbell, chairman of the search committee.

The committee, which represents as much of Taylor's community as possible, was

formed last December and has been searching continually these past months for the new Dean of Chapel.

"Our goal is to find the new chaplain by late April," said Campbell; the selected candidate will be required to start no later than fall term next year.

The search began in October when a position announcement and job description for the campus pastor was sent to Taylor faculty, administration, students, trustee board members, alumni and the parents cabinet. Further announcements were sent to various deans at colleges such as Asbury, Wheaton and Gordon and to renowned pastors like Dr. Tony Evans, Rev. Stuart Briscoe and Rev. Randy Nabors. The search committee hoped that by contacting

so many individuals, the announcement would find its way into a large and diverse pool of potential candidates.

The position announcement outlined the basic function of the campus pastor, its responsibilities, and certain qualifications each applicant had to meet. Some of these qualifications include a master's of divinity, experience in working with college-age students, experience in church leadership and a servant's heart with the ability to relate to a wide variety of students.

Besides these qualifications the search committee has a list of characteristics they would like to see in the new chaplain. The most important ones encompass a dynamic relationship with God, a passion to see students grown in their faith, a desire to equip

students to minister to each other, and demonstrated experience and interest in worldwide missions.

The hiring process for the campus pastor is lengthy. First each applicant is required to send in his or her resume along with a sample audiotape of his or her preaching.

Once the search committee has examined the resumes, it sends letters to a select few and asks for further information such as academic transcripts, references, and writings.

Again the search committee will examine these applicants, narrow down the list and interview them over the phone, all of which will help the committee narrow the list once again.

Finally, the committee will

invite the remaining applicants to visit Taylor's campus for two days. During this time Taylor administration and faculty will conduct vigorous interviews. Each evaluation will then serve as final tools for the decision.

According to Campbell everyone in the Taylor community has a responsibility in finding the right chaplain.

"My main request of the campus community is that everyone is praying regularly about the selection process. The campus pastor position is highly visible and clearly will mark the campus in spiritual leadership," he said.

Sophomore Toby Siefert said, "As long as the new chaplain can give us a series of sermons like 'Girlfriend Let Me Tell Ya,' they will be fine in my book."

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Changes in foundational documents recommended to Gyertson

By WESLEY ENGLISH
News Editor

The documents that form the foundation for Taylor's existence are being reviewed by a branch of the President's office.

In a response to a charge from President Dr. Gyertson during his first year in office, the President's Council for Assessment, Long-Range, and Strategic Planning (PCAP) has put together recommendations for changes to the Mission Statement, Statement of Faith and the University Purposes.

The overarching reason for the changes is to make sure there is continuity throughout

all the documents.

"One thing we needed to do in the review of the foundation documents is to make sure these documents flowed together properly, based on the definitions of the strategic planning world," said Dr. Jenkinson, chairman of PCAP.

The changes will update the text to reflect today's accepted strategic planning wording and structure.

Taylor University has also expanded in the past years. New entities like the Ft. Wayne campus, the Taylor Broadcasting Inc., and the College for Life Long Learning need to be in line

with the foundational documents.

"Gyertson wanted us to make sure that in all our documents we are inclusive of all these entities, that we make sure we have all these entities represented properly in these documents," Jenkinson said.

Another reason for the recommendations is that Gyertson has created a new Vice President position. Dr. Stephen Bedi, vice president for administration and planning, is in charge of creating a strategic place for the first part of the century.

The documents in consideration form a foundation for Taylor's existence and are

essential for Bedi as he creates his plan.

The recommendations do not change the meaning of the documents. Instead wording and some structure has been modified.

"He's not trying to change it in their meaning," Jenkinson said.

After receiving their charge from Gyertson, PCAP interviewed people in the President's Office, the Vice Presidents and Dr. Corduan who represented members of the Religion and Philosophy Department.

PCAP then used the input to write the proposed changes which were then presented to

four faculty and staff forums held at both campuses. Faculty and staff were also allowed to submit their suggestions through e-mail or in writing by March 7.

The council will now sit down with the input received from the employees and rewrite the proposed changes. PCAP will complete the final draft on March 20 and present the recommendations to President Gyertson soon after.

Though the documents have been reviewed each year by PCAP, they have remained the same since the council's creation 16 years ago under former President Jay Kesler.

Parking in a tight spot

By RACHEL HEPWORTH
Staff Writer

Finding a decent parking spot in some parking lots on campus has been difficult lately.

Actually, for the last several years, with the increase of students keeping their cars on campus, several parking lots have been filled to capacity.

Director of Campus Safety Mike Row said that there is an "unofficial committee" reviewing the parking problem on campus. He also said that there were sufficient parking spots on campus, but "not all are convenient ones."

"We are examining areas that need to be reviewed, particularly the Reade Center, the Ayres Building, and potentially the Metcalf Center," he said. "We can meet needs for all areas with proper planning."

Other problem areas include the Student Union lot, and the parking lots for Swallow Robin and Sammy Morris Halls.

Although the Union lot is particularly cramped, plans for expansion are being held off until the ground breaking date is known for the Kesler Student Center.

All offices, the bookstore, and The Grille will be moved there when construction is complete.

"We don't want to expand the parking lot at the Union if we're going to be moving [to the Kesler Center]..." Row said.

The Swallow Robin and Sammy Morris Halls' parking lots are also tight. Row said

that they were looking at nearby areas to create additional parking space.

Another problematic area is the Freimuth Administration Building and the post office.

"We are concerned about the post office area, both for student and faculty access. We must...remedy the parking crush in that area. You might have 20 people driving up who want to get their mail, and there might only be five spots," Row said.

If you would like to avoid such chaotic traffic fiascos, Row suggested the old-fashioned route: walk.

"This campus is designed for pedestrian traffic. I would advise students to take advantage of this beautiful campus and walk when they can. As Christians, we need to be cautious to what kind of stewards we are, and use our resources thoughtfully."

In addition to being an environmental and stewardship choice, it can also become a safety issue.

Row is concerned at the excessive vehicle traffic leaving the Rediger Auditorium after chapel, when the numbers of pedestrians are high.

"It creates a hazardous situation. We see that, and are looking at ways to make it safer, both for pedestrians and drivers."

Some driving students said they didn't have many problems with current parking on campus. However, many of those students did say that they would appreciate a larger Reade lot, so students can park there.

Taylor coaching legacy dies at 81



Photo provided Evan Kittleman

Don Odle, Taylor's first football coach, died last night after fighting a long illness. He passed away at Ball

Memorial Hospital at the age of 81.

Odle led a life that turned into Taylor legacy.

He graduated from Taylor University in 1942 only to return in 1947 as head basketball coach.

Playing a large role in creating an intercollegiate football team, Odle went on to coach the Trojans to 468 wins in 32 seasons.

Odle also found a place in coaching Baseball and golf during his Taylor career before retiring in 1979.

Odle is also a member of the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame and Taylor University's Athletic Hall of Fame and the name sake of the Upland campus's gymnasium.

He is survived by his wife, two children, David and Susan, and six grandchildren.

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"The great thing about ESPN is that it's a social activity and one alternative would be to have it in the lounges," said Fennig.

In addition to putting ESPN in the lounges, another option for next year would be switching from C-Band satellites to a digital satellite. Currently Taylor has two 6-foot satellite dishes that receive ESPN and Fox News respectively. A switch to digital would mean keeping one of the C-Band satellites to receive ESPN and adding a 2-foot digital dish that would receive 11 additional stations. Since digital TV is sold in packages, adding 11 more channels in addition to those already received for free via our antenna would still come in under budget.

Fox News is not offered as part of a basic digital package and because of this, if Taylor switched to a digital satellite, we would discontinue our use of the C-Band satellite to receive Fox News, and change to CNN. Besides CNN, other channels that could be included in the 11 as part of the basic package include TBS, TNT,

USA, Discovery, C-SPAN, CNN, NASA, PBSyou, TLC, Weather, the Cartoon Network, FSTV and more.

According to Jon Ochs, switching to digital would mean a clearer, more quality picture because the smaller dish would be less effected by wind.

Although there would be some initial equipment costs involved in switching to digital, these costs would be completely covered by the company for signing a five-year programming contract.

Some have suggested having each student pay his or her own cable bill.

While some students would gladly offer to pay for their own cable use, the technical wiring of the buildings is con-

nected in a way that doesn't make that possible.

In a sense, at least in the older dorms, all the rooms are connected.

"It's not as simple as flipping a switch," said Ochs.

Another rejected suggestion is increasing student costs. Arguably by having each student pay an extra amount of money per year, Taylor's cable services might be able to function as they are, however, this suggestion will not be considered because 25 percent of Taylor's residence don't have a television and therefore TSO cannot justify an increase for everyone.

Students with questions or concerns are encouraged to talk to their student senate representatives.

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I have never let my schooling interfere with my education. -Mark Twain

The brain drain: Indiana college grads hit the road

By NICOLE SCHULZ
FEATURES EDITOR

What are you doing after graduation? Chances are, probably not staying around Upland. Probably not staying around Indiana for that matter. Don't feel bad — you're in the majority. It's all part of the regional phenomenon called the "brain drain," a process by which Indiana's best and brightest are leaving the state by record numbers.

The statistics aren't pretty; it's clear why so many leave. While the average salary in the United States is \$31,505, Indiana's average is just over \$28,000. Graduates from engineering programs were offered over \$4,000 less to stay at jobs in Indiana than they would be by moving elsewhere. While 80 percent of Michigan and Ohio grads stay in state, only 58 percent of Indiana's grads stay. *Forbes* magazine dismally ranked Indianapolis 33 out of 40 in a list of "best cities for singles."

Indianapolis is often hailed as a "safe" city in which to raise a family, but what about the job market — especially where technology is concerned? Many Taylor students feel slightly disadvantaged as to job possibilities after graduation.

"It's difficult to get [recruiters] here," said Ben Friedberg, a junior computer science major. "The only ones we hear from are Chick-Fil-A and Eli Lilly."

Indianapolis ranks low among most computer science majors looking to relocate after graduation. With cities like San Francisco and Chicago boasting a wealth of technology-related careers, Indianapolis seems to be an afterthought.

The brain drain reaches further than Indianapolis' city limits. Marion is experiencing the same sort of college grad exodus affecting the rest of the state. The *Marion Chronicle-Tribune* recently featured a story on Grant County high school grads, only a few admitting they would consid-

er staying in East Central Indiana. Some cited lack of high-tech jobs, others said the lack of cultural activities was a deterrent.

"[Marion's] not an ideal place," said Isaac Pellerin, a sophomore computer science major from New Bedford, Mass. "I need to see the ocean, too."

While Indiana may lack the reputation of other technology-laden cities, groups have started to take notice. In an effort to combat the brain drain, several non-profits have sprung up, hoping to not only encourage Indiana grads to stay in state, but also find them jobs.

Senior business major Chad VanHill didn't intend to stay in Indianapolis last summer, but after visiting a career fair, he found himself with a paid internship in the state's capital. Launched in January 2001, Indiana InternNet (www.indianaintern.net) strives to match college students with internships best suited for them. VanHill never applied for the internship; instead, the staff of Indiana InternNet contacted him.

"They told me they were building a database of resumes," VanHill said. "When they offered me the job, it was totally out of the blue."

VanHill worked for Metzger Plumbing Company on the city's northwest side. His internship experience prepared him for life in the real world, he said.

"It was a great experience — being on my own, getting an apartment, going to work," VanHill said. "It definitely helped me understand what life is going to be like in three months."

National surveys show that 81 percent of college graduates have had internships prior to graduation. According to the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce, Indiana's average was 15 percent. Four hundred twenty-nine employers now offer semester long and summer internships through the InternNet.

While the state's focus is primarily on technology-related jobs, other employers are catching the "internship bug." A search for communications-related internships brings back more than 100 possibilities including the Indianapolis Museum of Art, Emmis Communications, the Indianapolis Zoo, the United Way and several high profile public relations firms.

While the jobs may be there, the real issue lies in whether college grads are willing to stay in Indiana permanently.

"I might stay temporarily," Pellerin said. "Ideally though, I'd like to work in Europe."

If he could get a job in the entertainment industry, Friedberg said he would be willing to give Indy a try.

"If a job offered me a lot of money, and it was one I felt like addressed my personal needs, I could stay for awhile," Friedberg said.

Currently, Friedberg is planning to delay a career in computer science, and is considering teaching English in Korea.

While Indianapolis will never be another San Francisco or New York City, city officials are proud of Indy's vibrant and growing downtown. Sitting at just over one million residents, Indianapolis is home to sports events and a growing numbers of arts opportunities.

Last summer, Mayor Bart Peterson unveiled his plan for Indianapolis to become home to an increasing number of arts-related events — putting

Indianapolis on the map for tourists.

Through the work of Indiana InternNet, and other Lilly endowment-funded initiatives such as CareersINSite (www.careersINSite.org), JobsINTech, Women and Hi-Tech and the Indianapolis Computer Society,

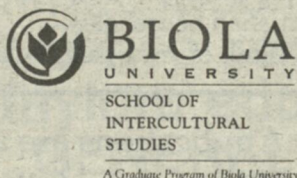
Indianapolis is looking for positive results in college grad retention. And with big name companies like Thomson Consumer Electronics, Rolls Royce, Merrill Lynch, PricewaterhouseCoopers and the NCAA now actively pursuing soon-to-be grads, the Indy business community hopes to refuel the up-and-coming city with fresh young professionals. Will you be one of them?

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*The first responsibility of a leader is to define reality. The last is to say thank you.
In between the leader is a servant. - Max De Pree, Leadership is an Art*

SBP-elect shares his past and vision for Taylor's future

By BEN WICKSTRA

STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT-ELECT



Picture a balloon as its size increases with every additional breath. It squeaks and stretches until the end is released and you find that something has changed; not only has the balloon deflated but it also is larger than its original size.

The events of the past weeks have expanded my perspective and abilities beyond what I ever anticipated and helped me see, in the moments where I can breathe, how the intricacies of TSO will fit into my life. I will responsibly seek every avenue to be a

knowledgeable and competent president to effectively represent, listen, and lead this campus.

Born and raised near Holland, Michigan, I lived with my dad, mom and older brother. For the past two and a half years my home has been with thirty-four men on the first floor of Bergwall Hall. My interests at Taylor have been inspired and encouraged through those on my floor, who also have taught me to make tangible goals in life here at Taylor and for the future.

Sciences have always interested me. Majoring in Chemistry, I plan to attend graduate school and to become a doctor in an undetermined field. This coming

summer's medical internship in Latin America will help define these aspirations and give me practical experiences as a base for my decision.

Experiences at Taylor have encompassed every area of my life.

Beginning as a freshman, I developed through my interest in a Gas City outreach program called Kids Club. Creating relationships with the students inspired me to seek a discerning lifestyle.

I continued involvement as practices for the Taylathon bike race, the highlight of every year to come.

Completing the semester, I anticipated what the future would provide. Inter Class Council became my focus sophomore year and revealed an intriguing side of Taylor. Leading those in my class, I

encouraged by our experiences and common ideals. This service has prepared me with the skills to understand the needs of our Taylor community as I actively invest myself as your president.

I desire to be a servant leader focused on developing a better community for our student body.

I desire to be a servant leader focused on developing a better community for our student body. By praying, listening, and

learned to recognize their potential abilities.

As the final stages of college approached, I invested my energies as a PA on first Berg. I sought to create, along with my co-PA, a unity based on a shared foundation of faith,

learning to effectively represent this campus, I anticipate an expansion in my perspective.

As your president, I look forward to generously contributing to your lives as you have done in mine.

Letter to the Editor

A trend has developed recently in [the opinion section of] *The Echo*, the various papers at the D.C. tables, and among students in general, myself included.

It seems that students are becoming more and more vocal about their dislikes concerning Taylor, its structure and the effect these two are having on its people.

The LTC in particular has been targeted, even being labeled as a "smiley-form of soul murder" in one article. As Christians, are we called to have such pessimistic attitudes toward things that don't meet our approval?

The simple answer is no; instead, "Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus (Philippians 2:5)..."

Rather than focusing on the LTC, or anything for that matter, in a negative light, we should be "always giving thanks to God the Father for everything (Ephesians 5:20)..."

There are so many things at

Thankful for Taylor

Taylor that we have to be thankful for. We have a university that operates and teaches upon biblical standards. We have a university that provides numerous opportunities to minister around the world. We receive not only a diploma but a servant's towel as well.

We have professors, administrators, and resident hall directors who are willing to talk to us not just as students but also as friends. We have students who take the initiative to start accountability groups. We should be thankful for PAs and DCs. Heck, we should even

be thankful for the cornfields! Taylor is a great place, rivaled by very few academic institutions when the Christian atmosphere is examined. Instead of dwelling on our thoughts of its supposed shortcomings, let's enjoy our time here and thank God for providing such a nurturing environment.

- Andrew Slate

Letter to the Editor

The issues of diversity and minorities on campus have been brought to my attention a lot recently and in my pondering of that topic, I have come to the conclusion that diversity is simply a different perspective about the world. There is a minority of people on our campus, who don't have a group to talk about what is happening or bond with someone from the same background. They have no MU KAPPA or AHANA for fellowship. Although a fellowship group like that might not be a bad thing to get started. This minority brings a different perspective to the table; you can't pick these people out of group of Taylor students. You might not be able to tell even if you have talked to one for an hour. They are the students on our campus that do not come from Christian households.

Think of your parents; are

Finding a new diversity in the household

they married? Happy? Maybe they drive you up the wall; maybe they are leaders of the church (or both). You may possibly have a mother or father who taught you about Christ at the age of four and has been teaching you things from God's word ever since. There are a group of people on campus who, when thinking about our homes, do not see church on Sundays, or the urging to memorize verses, or the knowledge that we are being prayed for. Their homes are the evangelistic opportunities because their parents do not know Christ. I believe this brings a different perspective to our campus, there is a lack of something in household that does not have Christ in it's center and there are people on this campus who go home over break and we feel that void. There are people who have never lived on that borrowed faith we

talk so much about because there was no one to borrow it from.

I am not trying to gain pity for this group or saying that these people need to be treated differently because they have a little different life. Just take note of that different perspective. Ask someone how a topic brought up in chapel or class settled with them, or even tell your parents how much you appreciate and love them because they loved you so much they gave you the greatest gift they could when they taught you about Christ. Share what it is like to be on either side of the fence, because we really have no idea. We talk about diversity being an issue in our community, but first generation Christians are often overlooked, I believe this can be counted as diversity and should be shared.

- Valerie Harle

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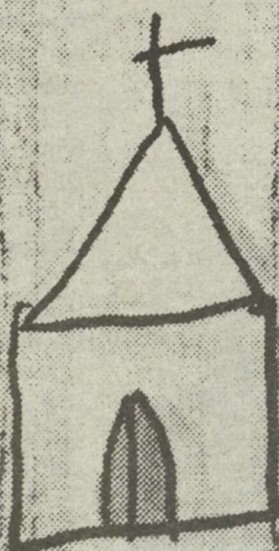
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-Anonymous

Should Christians laugh with 'Will & Grace'?

By NEVILLE KISER

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

In 1997, Americans went to see the movie "In & Out," which shocked audiences when they saw Kevin Kline and Tom Selleck kiss. Some people squirmed, some smiled and some didn't know what to think. But what about Christians?

The ongoing debate over homosexuality in the media started long before "In & Out," and continues to influence films and primetime television. Since Kline and Selleck's kissing flick, it seems that everyone in Hollywood is coming out.

However, some Christians think a moral line must be drawn with NBC's homosexually-driven sit-com "Will & Grace." In recent years, the show's premise of a homosexual man rooming with a heterosexual woman has sparked fierce controversy.

In January 2002, when an episode aired featuring Will (Eric McCormack) and Jack (Sean Hayes) kissing lip-to-lip, Christians were outraged. The episode was clearly written as irony and in order to make a point. Jack, who is gay, protests NBC because they refused to show two men kissing on his favorite prime-time television show. After going to NBC's president and voicing his opinion, Jack gives up and decides to protest at the "Today Show."

While at the "Today Show," weatherman Al Roker hands the microphone to Jack who

voices his disappointment with NBC's decision.

At that moment, Will, also gay, kisses Jack in front of everyone. Obviously, it's seen on TV and the world is supposedly "shocked." The irony is seeing the struggle of the show within the show on our own TVs.

Many Taylor students, who devote some of their Thursday evenings to watching NBC's lineup, featuring "Friends," "Will & Grace" and "ER," seem to be all right with the overt homosexual behavior on the TV show.

"'Will & Grace' gives me a small sense of what homosexuals are like. Since I'll encounter them more in the future of my career, I think it's beneficial. And it's funny," said sophomore Kaiti Bierdeman.

The show is undoubtedly humorous, but one of the most unique things about "Will & Grace" is that it mocks nearly every character on the show, including the homosexuals. It's politically correct in the way it presents the nature of homosexuality, but it's politically incorrect in the way it makes fun of it. Stereotypes flood the dialogue and audiences laugh because they understand, embrace and recognize these stereotypes.

As Christians though, these stereotypes sometimes "scare" us away from even making an attempt to speak with, much less witness to the homosexual community. We may point in public when we

see a homosexual couple, male or female, and simply look away. Rarely do we think of showing Christ's love to

as approving of the gay lifestyle? Is watching the show entertaining our minds with things of the world, rather

the sin. There are even some who advocate distancing your heart and mind from anything of the world that is not from God. But what about the show edifying our hearts or our lives?

"Do I think the show is edifying? No," said freshmen Phil Daubenmire. "But I think Christians need to decide for themselves."

If deciding for ourselves is truly the right response, then the question is not whether we should watch "Will & Grace," but whether we, as Christians, should be watching, laughing and supporting the show by tuning in every week.

If Christians claim it is wrong to watch "Will & Grace" because it declares homosexuality is normal, then how can they justify other sitcoms such as "Friends," "Seinfeld" or "Sex in the City," since they portray heterosexuals having sex with multiple partners?

In reality, the Christian response toward shows like "Will & Grace" is inconsistent. Why watch television at all if it's nothing but a bunch of straight and gay sexually confused single people running around sleeping with each other?

If we tune in to "Will & Grace," does it mean that we are supporting the lifestyle the show depicts? Or do we simply watch it for a good laugh? Either way, it's an issue that's not going to resolve itself among Christians any time soon.



Photo by Jason Bell of Entertainment Weekly

"WILL & GRACE" STARS Eric McCormack and Debra Messing pose for a Billboard photo advertising their TV show, which airs Thursday at 9:00 p.m. on NBC.

them instead of judging them right there on the spot.

Watching "Will & Grace" is definitely not the equivalent of witnessing to a homosexual, but is watching it the same

than things of heaven?

For Christians, many speak of absolute purity and guarding your heart. We've all heard the Christian cliché of loving the sinner and hating



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In love with Wrigley

A Cubs fan tries to explain the appeal of an underachieving team and its stadium

By TAB BAMFORD
SPORTS EDITOR

Play ball? Is it time for the baseball season already?

While we have not yet experienced the thaw that signals the coming of spring, the annual tradition of major league baseball's spring training has begun anew in Florida and Arizona. What does spring training mean to me?

In 23 days the gates open for the regular season, but for now the season tempts me from the south like Christmas

from December. I know it's coming, but not what it brings. There is one certainty, though: Wrigley Field will be full.

I am a fan of the Chicago Cubs. While there are many people across the nation who claim to be Cubs fans, there is something to be said for being the obsessive-compulsive fan who regularly indulges himself in what has come to be known as "The Friendly Confines." The cracking of peanut shells under your feet as you waddle sideways, continuously muttering "excuse me" while in search of your hard green

plastic seat at this hallowed institution of American sport is, to me, a little slice of American nirvana.

The Cubs have a mystique different from any other professional sports team. They are the second-oldest franchise in professional baseball (to the Cincinnati Reds) and yet have not won a World Series championship since

1918. They have come close a few times, but never stepped over the hump into the Fall Classic. Maybe the team's management is bad; maybe they're jinxed. But then why do they sell out every home game if they never accomplish the ultimate goal? While the Cubs have become "lovable losers," the sellouts are because of Wrigley Field.

Perhaps the mystique is purely mathematical. The centerfield wall is exactly 400 feet from home plate. Wrigley was opened on 4-20-16 (four plus 16 makes 20). The first night game scheduled in the stadium was on 8-8-88 (a nice, round number, but it was rained out - Cub's luck - so they played the next night). The two most famous

Cubs, Ernie Banks and Sammy Sosa, both have jersey numbers that are multiples of seven (14 and 21, respectively). I would postulate, however, this magic is something deeper than simple numerals can calculate.

The stadium is empty from late September until the first week of April, yet the scent of stale beer and hot dogs continues to waft over the field until the players enter the dugout once again. The ivy on the outfield wall fills in a lush green by the end of May; the brick wall behind it stands as timeless as the game played in front of it. The manually operated scoreboard hasn't changed in over 40 years and the flags atop it reflect the day's standings in the National League's three divisions. Even the rooftops across the street are packed full of fans searching for a release from reality for three hours.

Players this year have come into camp, some with a new team, many with a different age than they had in the fall (not just because of a birthday, but because of a government background check after Sept. 11), all ready to play baseball. Millions of fans, including this one, are ready for 'The Boys of Spring' to return to the field.

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Intramural Standings

Women's

3rd E Olson	3-0
Off Campus	2-0
3rd Bergwall	2-0
Gitchiba	1-1
3N & 3C English	1-1
Dribblers	1-1
3rd W Olson	1-2
Swallow-Gerig	0-2
1st W Olson	0-2
Kirk-Olson/English	0-2

Men's A League

Mike's Crew	3-0
Sick Kids	3-1
1st West	2-2
Off Campus	1-1
Panthers	1-1
Fode House	1-2
Penthouse	1-2
Faculty	1-2
Foundation	1-2

Men's B League - Purple

Sammy II	2-0
Cash Money	2-0
Sandlot	1-1
3rd E Wengatz	1-1
1st E Wengatz	0-0-1
2nd C Wengatz	0-1-1
Fab Frosh	0-1
1st W Wengatz	0-2

Men's B League - Gold

Penthouse	3-0
The Church	3-0
The Hot Robbys	2-1
Team Valentine	1-2
Wild at Heart	1-2
2nd W Wengatz	1-2
2nd E Wengatz	1-2
Broho-Lewis	0-3

Men's C League - Red

2nd Bergwall	2-0
Sammy II C	2-0
Jingle Bells	2-0
2nd C Wengatz	2-0
Penthouse A	1-1
Bad Boys	1-1
2nd E Wengatz	0-2
Thunder Slammers	0-2
3rd E Wengatz	0-2
Lounge Lizards	0-2

Men's C League - Yellow

Sammy II B	2-0
Swallow Robin	2-0
Sammy II A	1-1
The Smoke Wagon	1-1
The Warrior Poets	1-1
Penthouse	1-1
bhone	1-1
FOSO	1-1
2nd Bergwall A	0-2
Chupamos	0-2

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Trojan lacrosse an 'overlooked rookie'

Team gaining regional recognition with each victory in new conference

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They represent Taylor, bear Taylor's nickname, the players are all Taylor students and most of their fans are as well.

They are ranked sixth in the national preseason poll. They are in their inaugural season of participating in a league with NCAA Division I, II and III teams.

They have three All-Conference players. They receive minimal funding from the university. They have to raise the money to cover simple costs most

teams of their caliber take for granted, like travel expenses. They are the Taylor Men's Lacrosse team.

This past weekend the team traveled to Ball State University to play what were supposed to be two home games. The move to BSU was made because of the weather, but it did not effect the team's play. Taylor played their first two official league games, defeating Ball St. 7-4 in the opener before falling to Illinois St. 9-8 in the afternoon's contest. Illinois St. is the defending regional cham-

pion in the Central Collegiate Lacrosse Association (CCLA) Division II, of which Taylor is now a part.

"It was a great experience because we competed with and almost beat [Illinois St.]," said junior captain Brian Hill.

Leading the Trojans in the games were sophomore Steve Green, Hill, and junior Brooks Odle. Green scored five goals in the two contests, Odle scored four times and Hill three. Senior Adam Lynch scored in both games as well.

In their first season in the CCLA, the Trojans are making early season noise. Before playing a single second of conference play, Green, Hill and Odle were honored with preseason All-Conference nominations. The team received its national ranking based on past performances against opponents in CCLA Division II.

The season preview on the league's official web site (www.cclax.com) says the Taylor team that "might have been overlooked in the preseason rankings." It also says

Taylor will "definitely surprise" some teams this year, and warns "don't let this rookie team fool you."

The division the Trojans are a part of in the CCLA is split into two conferences, East and West. Taylor is part of the East division, which includes Ball St., Calvin College, Illinois St. and Ferris St. The team couples it's young membership in the CCLA with a roster comprised of mostly underclassmen. Of the 34 active players listed in their media guide, only four are seniors (Virgil Hughes, Lynch, Nick Runyon and Rob Reiter).

"[Being young] helps us in the future because many of the big contributors are juniors, and we're gaining a lot of valuable game experience," said Hill.

Some of the Trojans find themselves among the midwest's leaders in the major statistical categories. Through action this past weekend, Green ranks eighteenth in the midwest in scoring per game (3.00 points per game average) and twelfth in goals per game (2.67). Meanwhile Hill ranks twenty-second in points per game (2.33) and twenty-sixth in goals per game (1.67). Junior Ryan Venman ranks eleventh in the midwest in assists per game (1.33). Taylor's two goalies, junior



Photo by Bryan Smith

JUNIOR BRIAN HILL, white, is a captain of the lacrosse team along with seniors Rob Reiter and Adam Lynch and junior Craig Leffew

Tim Gast and Hughes, rank third and fourth, respectively, in the midwest for goalie save percentage. Gast has stopped 71.43 percent of the shots he has faced, while Hughes has denied 69.57 percent.

Many of the other schools represented in the leaders are NCAA Division I schools such as the University of Michigan, University of Iowa, Purdue University, and the University of Illinois. In student body size there's no comparing Taylor and a school like Michigan, whose football stadium holds approximately 50 times as many people as are enrolled at both of Taylor's campuses. However, the

Trojans are competing with these universities athletically and winning.

"We've got a good group of younger guys contributing early in the season, which makes both this year and the future very bright" said head coach Nate Bates.

Tomorrow the Trojans host Alma College at 1 p.m. The game will be played on the soccer team's practice field. The time has been changed because of a late cancellation by Augustana College, who the Trojans were supposed to play Saturday as well.

"The more people that show up the better," said junior Craig Leffew.



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NICK RUNYON, one of four seniors on this year's lacrosse team, makes a move on a teammate during a recent practice. The team practices between the Reade and Nussbaum buildings in the center of campus.

Congratulations to junior John Wachtmann, who earned All-America honors at the NAIA Indoor Track and Field Championships. Wachtmann placed fourth in the 800 meter (1:54.87).